

Studien 262-KGB
Zi/D

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : WILHELM F. MAIER
Serial No. 09/254,525
Filed March 8, 1999
For : USE OF MICROPOROUS INORGANIC MEMBRANE
CATALYSTS
Art Unit : TO BE ASSIGNED
Examiner : TO BE ASSIGNED

June 3, 1999

Hon. Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RECEIVED

JUN 21 1999

GROUP 1700

COMMUNICATION REGARDING ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF
REFERENCES CITED IN INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56 and § 1.97(c), Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449.

Acknowledgment of receipt of the Search Report and copies of the cited references has been noted in the Notification of Acceptance of the Application under 35 USC 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495. For the convenience of the Examiner, an additional copy of the International Search Report is attached.

These references were cited in the Search Report issued by the International Patent Office. For the Examiner's information, the designation "A" on the Search Report is translated to mean the document is defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance; and "X" means document is

of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone.

It is believed no fee is due but, if it is, please charge the cost therefor against the account of the undersigned, Account No. 19-3869.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
SPRUNG KRAMER SCHAEFER & BRISCOE

By

Kurt G. Briscoe
Reg. No. 33,141

KGB:pb

Enc.: International Search Report
PTO-1449

660 White Plains Road
Tarrytown, New York 10591-5144
(914) 332-1700

I hereby certify that the foregoing and its enclosures are being deposited with the United States Postal Services as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on June 3, 1999.

SPRUNG KRAMER SCHAEFER & BRISCOE

By

Date

6-3-99



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Patent and Trademark Office
Address: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

U.S. APPLICATION NO.

09/254525

FIRST NAMED APPLICANT

MAIER

ATTY. DOCKET NO.

W STUDIEN 262-

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

KURT G BRISCOE
SPRUNG KRAMER SCHAEFER & BRISCOE
660 WHITE PLAINS ROAD
TARRYTOWN, NY 10591



PCT/EP97/04918

I.A. FILING DATE

09 SEP 97

PRIORITY DATE

13 SEP 96

DATE MAILED: 20 MAY 1999

**NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371
AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495**

1. The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as ☐ a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494), ☒ an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is **ACCEPTED** for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

2. The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

3/8/99
35 U.S.C. 102(e) DATE

3/8/99
DATE OF RECEIPT OF
35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371(C) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

3. ☒ A request for immediate examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) was received on 3/8/99 and the application will be examined in turn.

4. The following items have been received:

☒ U.S. Basic National Fee.

☒ Copy of the international application in:

☐ a non-English language.

☒ English.

☐ Translation of the international application into English.

☒ Oath or Declaration of inventor(s) for DO/EO/US.

☐ Copy of Article 19 amendments. ☐ Translation of Article 19 amendments into English.

The Article 19 amendments ☐ have ☐ have not been entered.

☒ The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.

☐ Copy of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER).

☐ Translation of Annexes to the IPER into English.

The Annexes ☐ have ☐ have not been entered.

☒ Preliminary amendment(s) filed 3/8/99 and 3/22/99

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) filed _____ and _____

☒ Assignment document.

☐ Power of Attorney and/or Change of Address.

☐ Substitute specification filed _____

☒ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.

☒ Priority Document.

☒ Copy of the International Search Report ☐ and copies of the references cited therein.

☐ Other:

RECEIVED

JUN 21 1999

GROUP 1 700

Applicant is reminded that any communication to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above. (37 CFR 1.5)

Patricia E. Slansky
Telephone: 703 305-3746

BEST AVAILABLE COPY